

The 9th Annual Natural Gas STAR Workshop, October 28-30, 2002, at the Houston Inter•Continental

With generous co-sponsorship from the American Gas Association, Heath/Indaco Professional Services, and Sealweld Corporation, EPA held its 9th Annual Natural Gas STAR Implementation Workshop in Houston, Texas, in October 2002. More than 70 participants gathered to:

- Discuss emerging technologies and practices
- Note the accomplishments of the STAR Program and program partners
- Learn what other companies are doing to profitably reduce methane emissions
- Present new program tools and documents

The workshop focused on how partners have maximized gas savings and efficiency gains, and introduced partners to the new tools developed over the past year.

Highlights from the workshop included two keynote presentations from George Walker, Vice President of Public Policy, Health, Environment and Safety of Unocal Corporation, and Mr. Kedin Kilgore of Natsource, LLC. There were also presentations on the new tools that have been developed over the past year, and several presentations from partners companies, Pioneer, ChevronTexaco, and El Paso.

This year the Natural Gas STAR Team presented awards to the following partners:

- Phillips Petroleum Company (Production Sector)
- Duke Energy Gas Transmission (Transmission Sector)
- Southwest Gas Corporation (Distribution Sector)
- Pioneer Natural Resources (Processing Sector)

EPA also presented Continuing Excellence Awards to two partners for their ongoing program support and enduring commitment to find and implement new emissions reduction opportunities:

- BP (Production Sector)
- Columbia Gas and Columbia Gulf Transmission (Transmission Sector)

Rookie of the Year Awards for outstanding implementation of the Natural Gas STAR Program during the first year of participation were presented to Murphy Exploration and Production in the Production Sector, and North Carolina Natural Gas Company in the Distribution Sector.

EPA recognized John Cordaway of El Paso Energy Corporation as the Implementation Manager of the Year for his outstanding leadership in outreach and technology transfer of Natural Gas STAR Program goals.

EPA also welcomed four new partners to the Natural Gas STAR Program: Dominion Exploration and Production and three transmission companies- Houston Pipeline Company LP and Louisiana Intrastate Gas (American Electric Power companies) and South Carolina Pipeline (a SCANA company).